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Note verbale dated 6 September 2011 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004).

In accordance with paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 1857 (2008), paragraph 5 of resolution 1896 (2009) and paragraph 20 of resolution 1952 (2010), Latvia hereby submits the national implementation report (see annex

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National implementation report of the Republic of Latvia

The Republic of Latvia and other member States of the European Union have jointly implemented the restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo imposed by Security Council resolutions 1857 (2008), 1896 (2009) and 1952 (2010) by taking the following common measures:[1]

- Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP of 20 December 2010 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo and repealing Common Position 2008/369/CFSP.[2] The Council Decision set out the European Union commitment to implementation of all the measures contained in Security Council resolutions 1596 (2005) and 1807 (2008) (renewed by resolutions 1857 (2008), 1896 (2009) and 1952 (2010)), namely:
  - embargo on arms and related materiel against non-governmental entities and individuals operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
  - ban on provision of certain services;
  - freezing of funds and economic resources owned or controlled directly or indirectly by specified entities and individuals;
  - restrictions on admission of individuals;
- Council Regulation (EC) No. 889/2005 of 13 June 2005 imposing certain restrictive measures in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 1727/2003,[3] as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1377/2007 of 26 November 2007[4] and Council Regulation (EC) No. 666/2008 of 15 July 2008;[5]
- Council Regulation (EC) No. 1183/2005 of 18 July 2005 imposing certain restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo,[6] as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1791/2006 of 20 November 2006[7] and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1250/2010 of 22 December 2010;[8]
- Council Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement[9] (and its subsequent amendments). The Regulation requires nationals of the

[1] All common measures are published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
[2] *Official Journal of the European Union*, No. L 336, 21 December 2010.
[3] Ibid., No. L 152, 15 June 2005.
[4] Ibid., No. L 309, 27 November 2007.
[5] Ibid., No. L 188, 16 July 2008.
[6] Ibid., No. L 193, 23 July 2005.
[7] Ibid., No. L 363, 20 December 2006.
[8] Ibid., No. L 341, 23 December 2010.
[9] Ibid., No. L 81, 21 March 2001.

Democratic Republic of the Congo to be in possession of a visa when entering the European Union.

As regards restrictions on admission, the Republic of Latvia has the following national legislation, which together with Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP and Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001, provides the basis for refusal of admission and denial of requests for a visa:

- Immigration Law[10] of the Republic of Latvia, adopted on 31 October 2002, in particular, section VII.

In addition, the Republic of Latvia has the following national legislation requiring an export authorization for the sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel[11] to third countries and an authorization for the provision of brokering services and other services related to military activities, which together with Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP, provides the basis for enforcement of the arms embargo against the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the ban on related brokering services:

- Law on the Circulation of Goods of Strategic Significance of the Republic of Latvia,[12] adopted on 21 June 2007, in particular, article 12, paragraph 9;
- Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No. 657, for Procedure of Issuance or Refusal of Issuance of Licenses for Goods of Strategic Significance and the Related Documents to Circulation of Goods of Strategic Significance,[13] adopted on 20 July 2010, in particular, section 7 and section 8.

The penalties determined by the Republic of Latvia for the violation of sanctions imposed by international organizations are set out in the following legislation:

- Criminal Law[14] of the Republic of Latvia, adopted on 17 June 1998, in particular, section 84.

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[10] *Latvijas Vēstnesis* (official gazette of the Republic of Latvia), No. 169, 20 November 2002.

[11] This legislation should apply to all goods included in the Common Military List of the European Union, *Official Journal of the European Union*, No. C 86, 18 March 2011.

[12] *Latvijas Vēstnesis*, No. 107, 5 July 2007.

[13] *Latvijas Vēstnesis*, No. 122, 4 August 2010.

[14] *Latvijas Vēstnesis*, No. 199/200, 8 July 1998.